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## MYSTERY STILL ON

### No Explanation of the Strange Light on Mountain Side

The great mystery of the strange light that has been bothering Cimarron for the past week or so, is still as curious and strange as ever. Although the light has ceased to appear, no plausible explanation has been advanced by any one, and the incident of the mystic light is apt to pass by as one of those things that remains hidden from human knowledge. Some people are apt to give the light a supernatural origin, but as pointed out in the Citizen last issue, ghosts don't go to the trouble of getting a lantern made in Chicago when they want to manifest their presence by means of an uncanny light. Therefore, there is some one in the country who knows what the light was put there for, but it seems that they are not telling.

It has been asserted that the light, which appeared the night of the robbery at French, could be seen almost anywhere from the plains between here and French, and the most plausible theory is that it was put there to aid the robbers in some way. But even if this is the correct solution of the mystery, no one can imagine who in Cimarron would have any inclination to give this aid, and so the mystery remains as deep and curious as before. Those who placed the light must have been in hiding close by, because as soon as the first light was taken down, another appeared in its place.

The whole thing may have been a practical joke, but the man on whom suspicion hung at once, is one of the men who went up the mountain side in the dead of night and brought the lantern down, and before the daring two had reached town, another lantern had been placed where the first was hung. This rather knocks the theory of a practical joke in the head. What then could have been the object of the light and who could have placed it where it was? These are the questions that the Citizen would like to have answered. It is frankly curious, as are many others here in Cimarron. If any one has an explanation of the affair, he will be doing the Citizen and the rest of Cimarron a favor by advancing it at once.

## JIM LEACH HELD OVER

### WILL BE EXAMINED FOR INSANITY--TAKEN TO RATON LAST MONDAY MORNING

Under a section in the code which provides for such a case, James Leach has been taken into custody by the officers of the law and will be examined for insanity by the district court at its next sitting. Complaint and affidavits have been filed with Justice of the Peace J. S. Wilson, who under the law was forced to issue a warrant for his arrest and detention until his mental condition could be examined into. The step was taken because it was thought dangerous to allow Leach to remain at large any longer.

## AGED GREELEY WOMAN ENDS LIFE BY CUTTING THROAT

Greeley, May 26.—Mrs. Amanda Keeler, 70 years of age, committed suicide today by cutting her throat. She was seated on the bank of an irrigation ditch near her home and, becoming weak from the loss of blood, she fell into the water. The body drifted over a half mile before it was caught in a wire fence, where it was found. Continued ill health had made her despondent. She is survived by one son, Frank Keeler.

## NEW CO. IS FORMED

### Cimarron Bed Sheet Company Will Locate Here

NEW COMPANY IS FORMED. Cimarron is to have a new company manufacturing an entirely new article in the very near future. The Cimarron Bed Sheet Tent company has been recently formed, and it will begin manufacturing a new, improved and patented cowboy bed sheet and tent combined as soon as the materials and the machinery can reach here.

There are several combined bed sheet and tent combinations on the market, but the new article is a great improvement on them all. Besides taking less material to give the camper the same amount of comfort, the new bed sheet tent, weighs and costs less, and at the same time is much more convenient in every way. In fact the new sheet tent actually takes less material and weighs less than the ordinary tarpaulin, which is so much in use. In this improved article, the bed can be made rolled up in the tent and the tent pitched at night in the worst kind of weather without unpacking the bed, or getting it wet at all. It can be used as an ordinary bed sheet with flaps to protect the saddle and the clothing of the camper, or it can be set up as a little lean-to tent eight feet long, three and one-half feet wide and three feet in height at the front. With a little extra cost, a front flap can be added to the tent, so as to keep out the wind, or this extra flap can be used as a carpet in front of the tent, upon which the camper can dress and undress. In fact the new article is the handiest and at the same time lightest and cheapest bed sheet tent that has ever been placed on the market. The new company will make its headquarters in the harness shop of John Little, who is president of the company, and for a time at least, manufacture its tent there. It is expected that the manufacture of the new article will develop into a big business as soon as its merits have won for it the reputation which they deserve. To meet this rapid growth, the company is preparing to branch out into an extensive scale as soon as the business warrants.

The Citizen wishes all kind of success for the new enterprise.

## FATS VS. THE LEANS

### DECORATION BALL GAME TO BE PULLED OFF--MUCH INTEREST.

On next Saturday afternoon there will be a base ball game of much interest to the people of Cimarron because it will be entirely of local talent. The Fats and the Leans have challenged each other, and the game promises to be a great exhibition of funny antics. The Fats all say that they are each and every one heavy men at the bat, while the Leans say that the corpulent whirlwinds will have to back up to the base in order to get even at look-in at the bat, to say nothing of being able to hit it. The Leans say that without doubt their team is an easy winner, and that when it comes to running bases, they are the original wind cutters.

Which team is right, remains to be seen, and the Saturday game will be watched by a large and enthusiastic audience.

Durango, May 26.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt for a distance of several miles in the Animas valley today. Dishes were rattled from cupboards and in several instances the foundations of houses were damaged. The tremors lasted several minutes and caused great excitement.

## CIMARRON LODGE U. D. IS NOW INSTITUTED

### Impressive Ceremony--Visiting Masons Given Royal Welcome--Fine Banquet Tendered ---10 Members--22 Applications

Last Saturday evening, Cimarron had something of interest to all Masons happening, something of interest to all others as well, and the institution of the Cimarron Lodge, U. D. of the Masonic order took place under the most cheering and auspicious circumstances.

Eleven members of the Masonic organization were residents of Cimarron, and for some time past, they have been planning and working toward getting a charter granted them and a lodge established here in Cimarron. Accordingly they got together, petitioned for a charter, and rented part of the second story of the Matkin building, which has been refitted in a most pleasing manner for lodge rooms. A dispensation has been granted, and Cimarron Lodge U. D., has been instituted, the ceremony of institution taking place last Saturday evening, under the charge of District Deputy Grand Master C. D. Boucher, of Las Vegas.

About thirty years ago, there was a Masonic Lodge here in Cimarron, but with the decline of the town, the lodge was removed to Raton, where it has been ever since. But with the ceremony of last Saturday evening, Cimarron has again come into its own and there is every indication that the new lodge will become one of the strongest and best lodges in the northern part of New Mexico, if not in the whole territory. Starting as it does with eleven members, which is in itself a good beginning, the new lodge already has twenty-two applications for admission to the Masonic degrees filed with its archives, with the prospect of having many more applications in the near future.

After the institution of the new

## RAYADO CLUB IS FORMED

### Rayado Fishing Club Is Started --- Club House To Be Built

A large number of prominent Cimarron and Raton, business men have formed a trout fishing club to be known as the Rayado Fishing Club, and many of the best known men in the county has signified their desire to become members.

This new club has leased for a period of twenty years, all fishing rights on the Rayado from the Abreu estate, from a point three-quarters of a mile west of the old Abreu house, west to the boundary line of the estate. It will not be long before the already fine trout fishing in this stream will be greatly improved, because the club plan to stock the stream each year with a car load or two of fish, and they will also run a fish hatchery of their own on the premises. Aside from leasing the fishing rights on that part of the stream above mentioned, the club has also leased five hundred acres of pasture lands, for horse pastures, camping places, etc., and the present plan is to begin the erection of a neat bungalow on the premises as soon as the club is incorporated. In this club house, will be bed rooms and a general lounging room for the accommodation of the club members and their guests, and a first-class dining room and kitchen will be run in connection.

Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston have been obtained to look after the club house, and the grounds, and they are

## WILL HOLD BOX SOCIAL

### Big Box Social Will Be Held At Methodist Church Friday

Some time ago the members of the Methodist Church gave an entertainment known under the name of Box Supper, and the event was by far the most successful affair of its kind that had been held for some time. The young ladies of the church appeared behind a screen and their shadows were thrown on the screen, and the young men hid for the supper contained in the box, with a chance to have the fair maiden as a companion during the meal. Such a plan worked out to perfection, and the price that some of the boxes brought was very high.

Next Friday evening, another box social will be held, but in this case, there will be no bidding for the boxes, but all boxes will be sold for fifty cents straight. But the young man is not deprived of the pleasure of having a fair young girl to eat what is contained in the box. The boxes will be held up in plain view, but it will be impossible to see who the young lady is that owns the box, so there is still an element of chance. It is possible that some of the young men will hang around the door on the watch to see what young lady brings each box. It is rumored that some of the young men would be willing to pay many times fifty cents to get a chance to share supper with certain young ladies, and it is expected that the crowd around the door will be something fearful.

## SIDE WALK IMPROVEMENT

The property owners on Tenth street have gotten together and are making a great improvement in the sidewalk line on their street. Heretofore it has been impossible to get from the depot south to the Tenth street sidewalks in muddy weather or on a dark night, because of the big ditch that runs along the railroad right of way. The property owners have raised a fund to build a sidewalk from the depot south, and the big ditch will be bridged at once. The sidewalk will be four feet wide and will be constructed of cinders.

## TIME OF STORK'S ARRIVAL SETTLES CRIMINAL CHARGES

Fort Collins, May 26.—If Katrina Kauffman, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kauffman of this place, was born at noon, her father is guilty of selling liquor without a license.

If she was born at 1 o'clock, as the father claims, he is innocent. The case in which Kauffman is charged with the offense, went to the jury late last night. Harry Merrifield, one of the witnesses, swore that at noon on the day of the child's birth, Kauffman sold him a glass of beer and both drank to the health of the youngster and to the czar. Kauffman says that this is not true, because the child was not born until the afternoon of the same day.

## JAILER'S ASSAILANT GIVEN LONG TERM AT SECRET TRIAL

Pueblo, May 26.—Edward McDonald, the negro who broke into the jail corridor several weeks ago and murderously assaulted Night Jailer Jeff Steele, was brought here secretly from Colorado Springs and tried. He was found guilty and sentenced to 14 years by Judge Essex. The trial was conducted with the utmost secrecy, fearing mob violence.

## HAND CAR IS STOLEN

### E. A. Troutman Reports Another Missing Hand Car

E. A. Troutman, one of the section bosses on the St. L., R. M. & P., has reported that his hand car was taken last Friday morning, from the place where it had been locked for the night. Mr. Troutman stated that the car was locked and chained, and that those who took the car, broke the lock to do so.

After telegraphing to Colfax, the car was located there by the agent, who said that it was there when he went to work in the morning. The parties had pumped it to Colfax and had dumped it into the ditch there. This is the second time such a thing has happened to Mr. Troutman within the last eight months, and he is looking for the man or men that did the job. Stealing a railroad hand car and running it over the tracks without orders is a dangerous thing to do, and there is a big penalty attached for such proceedings. If the guilty persons are caught, it will go hard with them.

Mr. Troutman has been doing some fine detective work, and he asserts that he has reasonable grounds to think the thief was committed by the same ghost that placed the lantern on the side of the mountain the night of the French robbery. Although he admits that it must have been a pretty husky ghost to be able to push the heavy car up the grades between here and Colfax.

## MUD TURTLES ARE VICTORS

### AN EXCITING BALL GAME BETWEEN THE MUD TURTLES AND POLLY WOGS, GREAT BALL.

Last Sunday afternoon the Cimarron team was wired not to make the trip to Van Houten to play the return game because of rain, and not to be without a game, local players were rounded up and a game called on top of the mesa to the south of town. The Mud Turtles, so called because of their skill in getting around in the mud, won the snappy game by a score of fifteen to thirteen, although the Polly Wogs gave them all they wanted at any stage of the game.

The following is the line-up of the teams. Although each team had ten players in the field at once, a little thing like that should not be allowed to count against the dauntless victors.

Polly Wogs—Curry, Bass, Sullivan, Whitney, Brooke, B. Sherrer, E. Fisher, Scott, Pelphrey and Peters.

Mud Turtles—Livingston, Daley, J. Webb, Cox, C. Sherrer, H. Pierson, Vest, Liveran and Barr.

## CRIPPLE CREEK BASEBALL SUPPORTERS FORM STOCK COMPANY

Cripple Creek, May 26.—A stock company, with a capitalization of \$5,000, was organized here tonight for the support of the Colorado State Agreement team. The shares will be sold at \$1 each and profits will be divided at the end of the season. The mayor was chosen as president for the present year.

## DYNAMITE EXPLOSION IN BRICK YARDS CAUSES DAMAGE

Boulder, May 26.—An explosion of dynamite in the brickyard of the Pressed Brick company, this afternoon tore the roof from a nearby house and damaged several other buildings. The cause of the explosion is not known. There were several narrow escapes from flying bricks and lumber but no one was injured.